

## Engage:

Video "Film studies: mains film genres"

## Activate:

Which genre can you remember?

Did you recognise any movies?

Which one have you seen?

Which one(s) did you like the most? The least?

## Study:

Write the name of genres on the board.

Ask for his 2 favourite genres and ask what characterise the genre, key words.

Give key words for all genres + explain

-----→ Student to take note

-----→ Give the table after, just before the Activate stage

Genre	Movies	Keywords
Crime & gangsters	Scarface, The God Father.	Sinister actions, criminals, bank robbers, outlaws, stealing, violence, murder.
Drama	The King's Speech, Slumdog, Millionaire, The social Network, The Black Swan.	Serious presentations/stories Life situation, realistic characters, conflict (with themselves, others or force of nature), best and worst features of human beings, <b>largest film genre</b> : includes melodrama, epics, biopic or romantic.
Comedy	The Hangover 2.	'make them laugh', films, elicit laughter, light-hearted dramas (playfull, friendly), amuse, entertain, provoke enjoyment, humour, exaggerates situations, language, actions, characters escape from day – to – day life, serious or pessimist side of humour/ dark humour, happy endings.
Musical	Mammamia.	Showcase Full-scale songs, dance routine, performance, unrealistic eruption, centred on combination of

		<p>music, dance, songs, choreography Highlights musical artists and dancing stars, lyrics, storyline, escapist vision of reality, search for love, success, wealth, and popularity.</p> <p><b>This genre has been considered the <i>most</i> escapist of all major film genres.</b></p>
Horror	Paranormal Activity.	<p>Fear, frighten, panic, cause dread and alarm, invoke hidden worst fears, terrifying and shocking finale, captivate and entertain in a cathartic experience, dark side of life, the forbidden, strange and alarming events, nightmares, vulnerability, alienation, revulsion, terror of the unknown.</p> <p><b>Often combines with Science Fiction.</b></p>
Western	The Quick and the Dead.	Borderline between civilization and the wilderness, North America, Cowboys.
Epic/ historical	Brave Heart, Gladiators.	Historical, mythic, legendary, heroic figure, extravagant settings, lavish costumes (luxurious), medieval, panoramic backdrop, 'period pictures' are tales.
War	Private Ryan.	Horror and heartbreak of war, combat, fighting, conflicts, nations, society, humankind, camps experiences and escape, submarine, espionage, army, soldier, personal heroism, brutality, Infantry experiences, survivors, sacrifice, battles.
Sci-fi	Matrix, 2012, Starwars, Startreck.	Scientific, visionary, comic-strip-like, imaginative, advanced technology, gadgets, scientific development, special effects, heroes, planets, quests, fantastic place, fantastic journeys, great dark, shadowy villain, outer space.

Action / Adventure	Batman & the Dark Knight, 007, Casino Royal, Iron Man, Transformers Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Pirate of the Caribbean.	Tremendous impact, high energy, special effects, physical activities, races, rescues, battles, martial arts, destructive disaster, explosion, floods, fire, fights, escape, non-stop motion, spectacular pacing, adventurous heroes.
Romance	When Harry meet Sally, Ghost, Dirty dancing.	Love stories, dating, affairs, passion, emotions, romantic, affectionate, involvement, leading man and lady, marriage, search of love, obstacles, hazard, break up, tensions, temptations.
Thriller & Suspense	<b>The Butterfly Effect, Memento, Fight Club, Pulp Fiction, Seven, Unbreakable.</b>	Intense Excitement, Suspense, High Level Of Anticipation, Ultra-Heightened Expectation (Attente Ultra-Renforcée), Uncertainty, Anxiety, Nerve-Wracking Tension (Éprouvant Pour Les Nerfs).

CHECK VOCABULARY

## Study:

### Complete the movie synopsis Annex.

The Truman show

Matrix

King Kong

Sixth Sense – **Ask students if they know how many senses we have.**

**What are they? Sight hearing touch taste smell**

Spider man 2

Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban

Men in Black

Titanic

## Study:

### Exercise gap filing Movie cloze

- Setting, plot, scene, camera
- Actors, character, star, cameo, extra, critic
- Genre, comedy, horror, action, sci-fi, documentary, animation
- Blockbusters, sequel
- Theatre, ticket, scene, projector, usher

## **Activate:**

**Write a short synopsis/summary of two of your favourite movies, such as in the example on the previous exercise:**

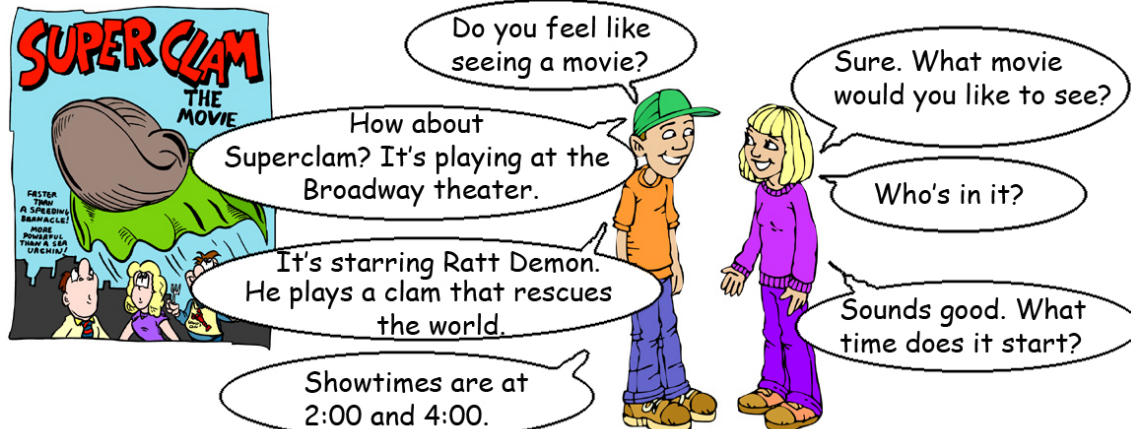
**Genre/who/what/where/what they do.....**

## **Activate**

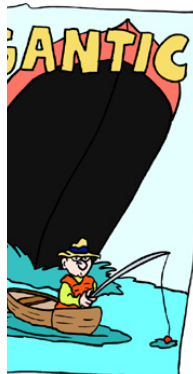
**Annex: "Do you feel like seeing a movie?"**

Role play + after, make your own questions from the synopsis you created.

## A Sheet: Do You Feel Like Seeing a Movie?



Practice the dialogue with a partner. Fill in the missing information.



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

**Showtimes:**



**Location:**

Caprice Theater

**Synopsis:**

Jenny Roberts plays a  
ain that travels through

**Showtimes:**

6:45, 8:45



**Location:**

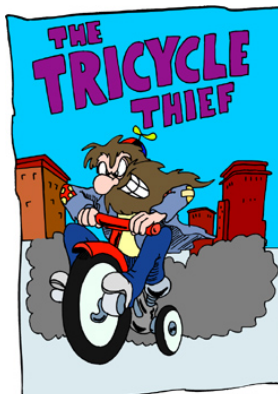
Metro Theater

**Synopsis:**

Arnold Stallone plays  
ldier who saves New  
from terrorists.

**Showtimes:**

2:00, 5:00, 9:30



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

**Showtimes:**



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

**Showtimes:**



**Location:**

Filberg Theater

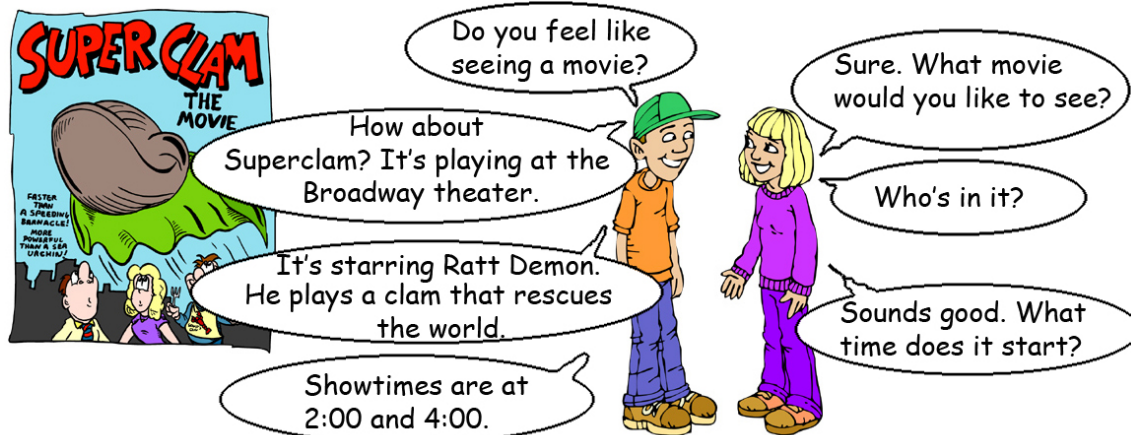
**Synopsis:**

Christina Spears plays a  
cop who has to stop a  
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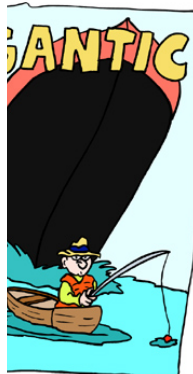
**Showtimes:**

7:10, 9:20

## B Sheet: Do You Feel Like Seeing a Movie?



Practice the dialogue with a partner. Fill in the missing information.



**Location:**  
Capitol Theater

**Synopsis:**  
Lenny Drew plays a man who falls in love a poor woman.

**Showtimes:**  
7:00, 9:15



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

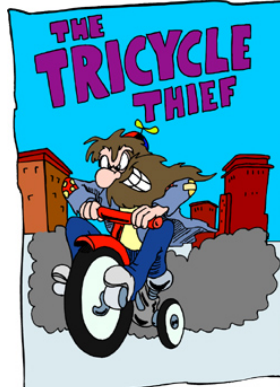
**Showtimes:**



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

**Showtimes:**



**Location:**  
Vogue Theater

**Synopsis:**  
Mick Page plays a thief steals the tricycle of a rful gangster.

**Showtimes:**  
7:15, 10:30



**Location:**  
Robson Theater

**Synopsis:**  
Frank Stein plays an scientist who tries to over the world.

**Showtimes:**  
6:30, 8:50



**Location:**

**Synopsis:**

**Showtimes:**

## Movie Cloze:

Fill in the blanks below in the words in the box:

action	character	horror	sequel
actors	comedy	plot	setting
animation	critic	projector	star
blockbusters	documentary	scenes	theater
cameo	extra	sci-fi	ticket
camera	genre	screen	usher

### Parts of the Movie:

The place or time a movie takes place is called the \_\_\_\_\_. What happens in a movie is called the \_\_\_\_\_. A movie is usually broken up into many \_\_\_\_\_. The movie is filmed with a \_\_\_\_\_.

### People in Movies:

The people who act in the movie are \_\_\_\_\_. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a part that an actor plays. The main actor is sometimes called the \_\_\_\_\_. When a famous person has a short appearance in a film it is called a \_\_\_\_\_. An \_\_\_\_\_ is an unimportant person who acts in the background. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who watches movies and writes reviews about them.

### Movie Genres:

The type of movie is the movie \_\_\_\_\_. A movie that makes you laugh is a \_\_\_\_\_. A movie that makes you scream is a \_\_\_\_\_. A movie that is exciting with lots of guns and explosions is an \_\_\_\_\_ movie. Movies about the future or space are known as \_\_\_\_\_ films. And a movie about real life is a \_\_\_\_\_. An \_\_\_\_\_ film has cartoon characters.

### Blockbusters

Movies with big budgets that sell a lot of tickets are called \_\_\_\_\_. Many of these movies do so well that movie producers make a \_\_\_\_\_, or part II.

### At the Theater:

The place where you watch a movie is called a \_\_\_\_\_. To see a movie, usually, you have to buy a \_\_\_\_\_. The movie is projected onto a large \_\_\_\_\_ using a movie \_\_\_\_\_. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who shows you to your seat and makes sure everybody is quiet during the movie.





# MOVIES

A *synopsis* is a brief summary of a written work or a movie. Read the movie synopses below and try to guess the title of the movie.

**Movie 1:**

\_\_\_\_\_

This is a comedy starring Jim Carrey. When a light falls from the sky, Carrey's character Truman begins to suspect that something is wrong with the world. He goes on to discover that his whole life is being filmed as a show for others to watch.

**Movie 8:**

\_\_\_\_\_

In this romance, Kate Winslet plays an upper class woman who falls in love with a poor artist. The story takes place aboard a ship that is struck by an iceberg and sunk. In the end, Kate Winslet's character, Rose, survives but the poor artist, who is played by Leonardo DiCaprio, dies.

**Movie 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_

This is a sci-fi thriller starring Keanu Reeves. His character, Neo, is a computer hacker who discovers that life on earth is a façade created by intelligent machines that use humans to generate energy.



**Movie 3:**

\_\_\_\_\_

This action/adventure film is a remake of a 1933 classic. Jack Black plays a movie director who captures a giant ape from a lost island and brings the ape back to New York. In the end, the ape escapes captivity and causes destruction in New York.

**Movie 4:**

\_\_\_\_\_

This is a suspense drama starring Bruce Willis. He plays a doctor who helps children with psychological problems. He tries to help a troubled child who sees ghosts. In the end, he helps the boy find peace, but he discovers that he is a ghost himself.



**Movie 7:**

\_\_\_\_\_

In this sci-fi action film, Will Smith plays a cop who is recruited into the government's most secret agency. He has to find 'illegal aliens' that are hiding in New York, including an insect-like alien that is trying to take over the world.

**Movie 6:** \_\_\_\_\_

When a criminal maniac, Sirius Black, escapes from prison, Harry Potter, who is played by Daniel Radcliffe, has to be careful. It turns out that Sirius is not who he seems.

**Movie 5:**

\_\_\_\_\_

This is an action film starring Tobey Maguire. He plays a superhero who has to stop the evil genius Dr. Octopus. Unfortunately, his real life problems as college student Peter Parker cause him to temporarily give up being the superhero.

## Taking a Survey on Movies

A: Excuse me, I'm doing a survey on \_\_\_\_\_

Would it be OK if I asked you a few questions?

B: Sure. Go ahead.

Name	Question #1	Question #2

### Reporting Results:

The majority of the people in this class ...

Most people in this class ...

Quite a few people in this class ...

About half of the people in this class ...

Hardly any of the people in this class ...

Almost no one in this class ...



### Write up your results:

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## Surveys on Movies

### Survey on Best Actors

- (1) Who is the best male actor?
- (2) Who is the best female actor?

### Survey on Horror Films

- (1) Do you enjoy horror movies?
- (2) What is the scariest movie you have seen?

### Survey on Comedies

- (1) Do you like to watch comedies?
- (2) Who is the funniest actor?

### Survey on Action Films

- (1) Do you enjoy action films?
- (2) Is it OK for young kids to watch violence on TV?

### Survey on Movie Going

- (1) How often do you go to the movies?
- (2) Who do you usually go with?

### Survey on Movie Going

- (1) What was the last movie that you saw?
- (2) What was the first movie you ever saw?

### Survey on Sci-fi Movies

- (1) Do you enjoy sci-fi movies?
- (2) What was the last sci-fi movie you saw?

### Survey on Best Films

- (1) What is the best film you've seen recently?
- (2) Who was starring in it?

### Survey on Worst Films

- (1) What is the worst film you've seen recently?
- (2) Who was starring in it?

**Each student receives one set of survey questions. They walk around the room and survey every member of the class and then they write up the survey results and present them at the end of class.**

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